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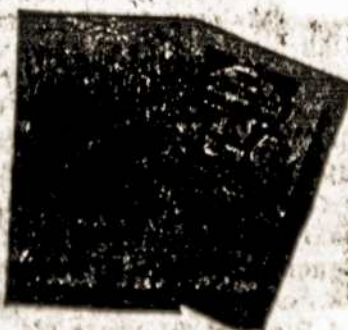
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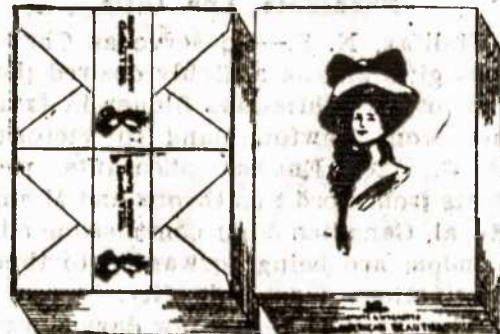
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Northfield Press, Proctor Block

LIFE THREATENED

Warning Letters Sent to Treasury Employee

The Man Who Discovered The Contrivance By Which the Sugar Trust Defrauded the Government of Millions Gets Letters Telling Him He May Be Poisoned—Has Been Offered A Guard of Secret Service Men.

New York, N. Y.—For the last few months the life of Richard Parr, the treasury employee, who discovered the contrivance by which the sugar trust defrauded the government out of millions of dollars in duty, has been threatened half a dozen times.

It was learned that the threats continued during the trial of six minor employees of the trust, five of whom were convicted of conspiracy last week.

Immediately after Parr had testified in the case of the checkers he received a letter warning him that he might be poisoned. Previously he had received letters telling him that if he helped convict the indicted men he would be killed. One letter warned him he would be pushed under an elevated train.

The latest of the threatening misadventures reached him a week ago Saturday. It was addressed "Richard Parr, Dep. Surveyor, Customs house, New York," and read:

"New York, Dec. 10, 1909.

"Mr. Parr—The editor of the Sun died suddenly. Some prominent men in customs died suddenly. You have been taken suddenly ill. Beware of poison. Yours, Sugar."

This letter is written on a sheet of linen paper. The handwriting is that of a woman of education. Its punctuation is correct. The postmark shows that the letter came from station G, which is at 221 West 51st street.

Parr did not regard the letter as of serious importance in itself, but taken in conjunction with others received, it was given some weight.

"Is it a threat or a warning?" asked Parr when he displayed the letter. "I've had a half dozen of them. Some warned me not to go near the docks in Brooklyn or I would be killed. One promised me faithfully I would be thrown down the steps of an elevated station or the subway. I paid no attention to any of them."

It was learned, however, that some of the threats were serious enough to cause the government prosecutors in charge of the sugar cases to offer Mr. Parr a bodyguard of secret service men. He declined the offer.

No especial significance was attached to the reference to the late editor of the Sun contained in the letter quoted.

It was learned Monday that at least one indictment has been found against an employee of Arbuckle Bros. He held a minor position in the refinery.

Some time this week the federal grand jury will find an indictment against an officer of the sugar trust.

He will probably be brought to trial toward the end of February. Ernest W. Gerbracht, ex-superintendent of the trust's Williamsburg refinery, and James F. Bendernagel, an ex-cashier, may be tried at the same time. Gerbracht was arraigned on a conspiracy indictment and pleaded not guilty.

Final arrangements for the release of the convicted checkers on bail until Jan. 8, when argument for a new trial is to be heard, will be made shortly. Oliver Spitzer, the trust's former dock superintendent, got bail in \$10,000.

"The question of moiety has been turned over by the treasury department to Special Assistant General Henry L. Stimson and his assistant, Winfield T. Dennison. To them have gone Richard Parr's claim and that of Edwin I. Anderson. It is highly probable Parr's claim will stand. The secretary of the treasury will decide the amount of reward to be paid. It may be anything up to one-half the amount recovered. In this case the amount was \$2,134,000. It is not expected Parr will get any such amount as \$1,000,000, but he may get nearly half that.

To Recognize Estrada.

Washington, D. C.—The abhorrent conditions under the despotic administration of Zelaya in Nicaragua have been a disgrace to civilization, declares Representative Adair of Indiana in a joint resolution directing the United States to recognize Estrada as president of the republic of Nicaragua.

"It is the duty of the United States," runs the resolution, "and the United States does hereby demand the arrest, trial and punishment of Zelaya by an impartial tribunal in Nicaragua for the wilful murder of citizens of the United States, an ample apology from Nicaragua, and such damages and reparation in the premises as may be just."

The resolution follows in the footsteps of a Nicaraguan measure recently introduced by Representative Selzer of New York.

Both measures will be considered by the foreign affairs committee of the house.

Race Riot Feared.

Magnolia, Ala.—Magnolia is quiet after a day of intense excitement with much bitter feeling manifested between whites and blacks. A company of militia has been ordered to Magnolia.

Ernest Slade, one of four white men shot by Clinton Montgomery, a desperate negro, is fatally wounded and his death, expected at any time, may cause the flame of race hatred to burst forth anew.

Clinton Montgomery's charred body lies in the ruins of a negro hut near town, as a result of a visit by a mob of citizens Monday. Brister and Shelly Montgomery, brothers of the dead negro, barely escaped lynching earlier after the sheriff of Marengo county had captured them. They were placed in the Linden jail later for safe keeping.

Clinton Montgomery and several other negroes were found barricaded in a house and it was at once surrounded by white men. Fearing for their lives, Montgomery's companions surrendered, but Montgomery fastened the door after them and defied arrest.

One of his negro companions was then forced to set fire to the house. When the building was enveloped in smoke, Montgomery threw open a window and opened fire with telling effect on the attackers with a magazine shotgun. Ernest Slade fell mortally wounded, his face and body filled with shot. N. G. Carlton, Tom Shields and William Lindsey, were also wounded, though not seriously.

A volley struck Montgomery as he was attempting to leave the house. His body was riddled with bullets and consumed in the burning building.

Search continues for William Montgomery, another of the four brothers whose alleged murder late Saturday night of Algernon Lewis, a young white man, caused the trouble. Nearly every negro resident has left Magnolia. The whites are well armed.

Algernon Lewis is said to have been waylaid by the Montgomery brothers late Saturday night, while he was on his way home. After being shot to death his body was left in the public road. A short time thereafter the murder was discovered and a posse was soon in pursuit of the negroes.

Estrada to Force Issue.

Bluefields, Nicaragua.—Couriers who came in from Rama early Monday morning brought word that Gen. Estrada with a strong force, was preparing to attack Gen. Vasquez, in command of the Zelayan troops.

It was expected that the engagement between the revolutionists and the government troops would begin immediately.

There is little doubt here that Estrada means to force a fight upon the Zelayans. He expressed this determination upon learning that Jose Madriz would probably be elected president to succeed Zelaya.

Pheasants For Gifts.

Halifax, N. S.—To serve as Christmas gifts and as a highly desired portion of the Christmas dinner in families from Newfoundland to Victoria, B. C., 1200 English pheasants, presents from Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal, Canadian high commissioner in London, are being forwarded to their destinations from this city.

They arrived here a few days ago on the steamer Tunisian. Lord Strathcona's numerous gifts this year are in keeping with his custom of many years. He sends the English pheasants from Great Britain to his friends in Canada and Newfoundland and to those on the other side he sends hundreds of barrels of Canadian apples.

Used Inquisition Methods.

Los Angeles, Cal.—Hypodermic injections of salt water, or of Chile sauce, or in extreme cases a mixture of both, is a form of torture attributed to President Zelaya of Nicaragua by Marshall O'Neill, civil engineer and soldier of fortune.

Eighteen men and women he knew of, he said, were arrested for conspiring to invade Nicaragua from Honduras. When they refused to confess under Zelaya's personal direction, O'Neill charges, a mixture of salt water and chile sauce was administered until the 18 admitted guilt.

They were then put to death. O'Neill says that Nicaraguans estimate Zelaya's fortune at from \$20,000,000 to \$50,000,000.

Battle Opens at Rama.

Washington, D. C.—Dr. Castriello, representative of the Estrada government here has just received this message from Diaz, secretary of state of the provisional government:

"The battle has begun, and we have taken the offensive. I will advise you of the result. Diaz."

Another cablegram to Dr. Castriello from the same source carried the unqualified statement that the revolutionary party would order no circumstances countenance the action of Dr. Madriz and any other candidate proposed by Zelaya.

That the election of Madriz Monday has not effected even a truce was evidenced by the first cablegram.

CONDENSED NEWS

OF THE ENTIRE WEEK

THURSDAY, December 16, 1909.

Schooner Governor Ames is lost with captain, wife and 12 men off Cape Hatteras.

Ludlow strike ended by agreement to arbitrate; operatives will return at 20-cent rate.

Thirty-four persons killed in New England and just across Canadian border in fall hunting season.

France raises tariff wall on American agricultural machinery.

Gen. W. W. Dudley, of "blocks of five" fame, dead.

New York milk superintendent says the blame for poor quality belongs on the cow.

Arbuckle Bros. pay government \$695,000 in back duties; trial of sugar employees near end.

Blanch & Co. calls granite cutters back to work at Montpelier, Vt., breaking ranks of manufacturers.

Mother of Mrs. Snead, victim in East Orange, N. J., mystery, arrested in New York and police find in her room three drafts of "suicide" note in same handwriting as original.

Arthur W. Dean succeeds Austin B. Fletcher as secretary of Massachusetts State Highway commission.

State Senator John Raines dead at Canandaigua, N. Y.

Boston liquor firms to amend bill brought against 16 Maine sheriffs to enjoin seizures.

Representative J. F. O'Connell introduces bill for \$50,000 fish hatchery in Boston harbor.

Mae C. Wood surrenders herself for trial in New York, but district attorney's office says case will be dropped.

Shortage of \$50,000 in Atlanta office of Phenix Insurance company reported.

FRIDAY, December 17, 1909.

Capt. B. S. Osbon says Capt. Loose has confessed that he faked the affidavit in which he declared that he prepared data for Dr. Cook, the explorer.

Zelaya resigns from presidency of Nicaragua and congress will name successor.

Death of King Leopold of Belgium comes unexpectedly to his physicians, at 2:47 o'clock this morning.

Hon. Archibald Gordon, engaged to Miss Violet Asquith, daughter of the British premier, dies of injuries received in an auto accident.

Work on Cape Cod canal, retarded by gales, to be resumed.

Another aunt of O'cey Snead arrested in New York.

James A. White, prominent Quincy, Mass., granite manufacturer, killed by train.

Ludlow, Mass., woman fatally burned while preparing to give jollification party because strike was settled.

House takes up economy cry and applies principle mildly to the District appropriations.

Condition of Miss Madeline Swift, daughter of Rear Admiral Swift, is improved.

Meeting of Boston chapter, American Institute of Banking; address by Michael J. Sughrue and others.

Ex-Supt. Gerbracht of sugar trust secretly arrested and held in \$10,000.

Pres. Vail denies that Bell interests are interested in Morgan telephone purchase.

Barre, Vt., granite manufacturers offer to leave matter to national association and the union.

Surg. Gen. Wyman goes to Costa Rica to attend port sanitation conference.

SATURDAY, December 18, 1909.

Russell claimant's grief at recalling mother's death on witness stand brings tears to many in court and short recess is ordered.

Will of King Leopold practically disinherits Princess Louise and Princess Stephanie; Vaughan claim to Belgian throne scouted.

"C. L. Boswell" on undervest of woman whose body is found in water at Winthrop, Mass., only clew for police.

Large stable and 45 horses burned at Charlestown, Mass.

Ludlow, Mass., strike trouble reopened, and Polish laborers walk from mills.

Miss Hero awarded \$2000 in her suit for breach of promise against Dr. Anibal Zelaya.

Banquet of the civic forum in New York, criticism of the president by John Bigelow, 91 years old.

Morgan & Co. buy more independent telephone companies.

Bodies of five missing girls found in ruins of the burned factory at Philadelphia.

Vermont delegation urged to change custom of eight-year terms for state collectors of customs.

Japanese lecturer, it is thought with official sanction, begins tour of United States to cultivate friendships of people through better knowledge of mikado's land and its inhabitants.

SUNDAY, December 19, 1909.

Winthrop, Mass., suicide identified as Miss Carrie L. Boswell, well-known charity worker.

Mayor Hibbard of Boston gives out correspondence showing attempt to get him to withdraw by arranging a business career for him.

Ferryboat Gen. Sumner, burned at East Boston, sinks at dock.

King Leopold's body taken to Brussels palace.

The late Mrs. William Astors belongings in New York appraised at a low value.

Street car bearing a dead motorman and a dying conductor runs wild four miles in East St. Louis.

New York hears from Washington that about 30 prominent persons in several cities have been indicated for defrauding customs.

Convinced sugar trust men to remain under bail until Jan. 8.

More than \$7,500,000 sent from New York to Europe for Christmas gift.

Woman convicted at Utica on charge of "white slave" traffic.

Seemingly authentic report at Copenhagen that Cook's proof is not satisfactory.

Five killed in train wreck in Cleveland.

Election of Thomas J. Lynch as president of National league is said to mean that John M. Ward will represent league on national commission.

Point raised in court that the sale of a baseball player is a violation of the slavery amendment to the U. S. constitution.

MONDAY, December 20, 1909.

Claim of Richard Parr to moiety in sugar frauds which will amount to \$700,000 to \$1,000,000, allowed by Conductor Loeb after investigation.

Damage to ferryboat Gen. Sumner burned at East Boston at least \$60,000.

King Manuel of Portugal believed to have selected Princess Victoria Patricia to share his throne.

Conductors and trainmen of the eastern district to begin movement for increase in pay today.

Bolles collection of antique American furniture goes to Metropolitan museum of art in New York.

Belief in Copenhagen Cook's records will not be found sufficient proof; New York friends believe him in Norway.

Ponds, lakes and rivers in and about Boston crowded with skaters, although conditions are not ideal.

Immigration commission to publish elaborate series of reports covering whole history of the subject.

Boston man struck and killed by train on crossing in Reading.

Secretary Wilson discusses the high cost of living.

Madriz greeted as "savior of Nicaragua" on his arrival from Cartago.

Bishop Anderson confirms 40 inmates at the state prison.

Boston Central Labor Union receives detailed report on conditions at Ludlow, Mass.

Steamer Corinthian runs ashore at Georges Island in veering out of course to avoid sinking a schooner.

House-cleaning investigation of the interior department and a settlement of the Ballinger-Pinchot controversy probable with reassembling of congress after recess.

Thousands view body of Belgium's king.

Ludlow strikers to return at the rate of 300 daily, beginning this morning.

Congress expected to do nothing before holiday recess except pass district bill and confirm Judge Lurton.

Two sisters found dead in their Newark home.

TUESDAY, December 21, 1909.

Sec. Ballinger takes initiative for investigation of his own department to clear up matter at issue in the Pinchot feud.

Clergy and laity condemn school accommodations in nearly every section of Boston.

Life of Richard Parr, instrumental in discovering sugar frauds and convicting checkers, threatened half a dozen times in last few months.

Countess Eulalia, who was Mrs. John B. Stetson, returns to America without the count.

Conductors and trainmen of B. & M. give notice of desire for change in working agreement.

Race riot threatened at Magnolia, Ala., negro killed and burned by a mob, one of whom is mortally wounded; two brothers of the dead negro arrested and a third sought for on a charge of murder.

Representative Mendell of Wyoming declaims against "loose talk" as to water power monopoly and the giving away of valuable public utilities.

Baroness Vaughan quits Belgium and Princess Louise returns in triumph.

Roosevelt party arrives at Entebbe, Uganda.

BALLINGER WILL FIGHT.

Secretary of the Interior Forces Investigation of His Department.

Washington, D. C.—The prediction that there would have to be an investigation of the interior department will be sustained shortly when a resolution will be offered in the senate to investigate the interior department generally and the land office especially, and also the forestry service.

The resolution will be offered by one of the Republican senators friendly to the administration, so as to show to the country that it is not an attack on the President or Secretary Ballinger, but is done with their consent.

The resolution will, of course, be adopted. It will be so phrased that it will not suggest an investigation of the secretary of the interior, but rather of his department, although as a matter of fact it will be the secretary and not his department that will be under investigation.

This will be the first time in many years that a member of the cabinet has been investigated by a committee of congress, although there have been frequent investigations of matters and things arising out of the work of the departments. But there has been no member of the cabinet whose conduct had to be searchingly inquired into since Grant's day, when Secretary of War Belknap was brought to the bar of the senate in impeachment proceedings.

Mr. Taft, it is said, reluctantly admitted his disappointment that the country at large would not accept as final his own vindication of Mr. Ballinger in his dismissal of the charges brought before him against the secretary of the interior by L. R. Glavis, the former special agent of the land office.

Conferences of a confidential character, in which members of the cabinet, party leaders in both houses of congress and the President himself have participated, have been held at various times during the past few days. They culminated Monday when Secretary Ballinger, Attorney General Wickersham and Postmaster General Hitchcock met in Mr. Wickersham's office and proceeded thence to the White House, where the matter was laid before the President.

Mr. Ballinger told the President, it is said, that the situation had become intolerable to him and that though the constant charges against him had come from irresponsible persons, he could no longer sit supinely by, and in justice to himself he felt compelled to insist upon an investigation.

Christmas at Government Expense.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Every soldier and sailor in the service of the United States will celebrate Christmas at the expense of the government. More elaborate plans are made by the army and navy for Christmas than for any other day of the year.

This year the government will give the 17,000 sailors of the Atlantic battleship fleet, which is a large percentage of those in the service, an unusually fine spread in New York.

Last year the fishes cheated the bluejackets out of the dinner intended for them. The navy department sent out aboard the liner Republic a large quantity of Christmas dainties valued at \$61,191 for the battleship fleet, then at Gibraltar, on its cruise around the world. The Republic sank after a collision, and so did the bluejackets' Christmas dinners.

The Atlantic fleet's crews will be started on their holidays by a big Christmas dinner, including oyster cocktails, roast turkey, cranberry sauce, pumpkin pie, ice cream, assorted fruits and nuts, coffee and cigars.

In the army special dinners will be served at the various garrisons and posts.

Trainmen Serve Notice.

New Haven.—Notice was served on the New Haven railroad Dec. 20 by the chairman of the brotherhood of railroad trainmen and the order of railroad conductors, acting jointly, that these organizations desire an increase in wages and numerous changes in their working agreement with the company.

This action by the New Haven men is a part of the general movement of the trainmen and conductors on the eastern railroads. Similar notice was given general managers of 31 other lines east of the Mississippi river and north of the Chesapeake & Ohio system.

As the trainmen of the New Haven system are already receiving good wages the demand will not affect this road seriously. In many cases the increased wages asked for are only 1 percent; in some few cases it is as high as 10 percent.

The 10 hour rule is the most important change asked for.

More Marines at Corinto.

Corinto, Nicaragua.—The U. S. cruiser Buffalo with 200 marines on board, and the U. S. gunboat Princeton, have arrived here.

CHURCH DIRECTORY.

First Parish (Unitarian).
Main street and Parker avenue.
Services at 10.45 a. m.
Sunday school, 12 m.

Trinitarian Congregational.
Main street, near Mill Brook.
Rev. N. Fay Smith, pastor.
Services,
Sundays, 10.45 a. m. and 7.30 p. m.
Thursdays, 8 p. m.

St. Patrick's Parish.
Main street.
Rev. J. S. Nelligan, pastor.
Services every alternate
Sunday at 8.30 a. m.

CHURCH NEWS.

Items for this column should be sent to the editor before Tuesday noon.

Christmas tree exercises at the Unitarian Church Friday night at 7 o'clock.

Christmas mass will be celebrated at the Roman Catholic Church on Sunday morning.

A watch night service will be held at the Congregational Church next Friday night. Particulars not yet decided.

The children's Christmas entertainment at the north church will begin at 7 p. m. on Thursday, not 7.30 as originally planned.

Herbert S. Stone and Philip Porter contributed solos and a duet at last Sunday evening service at the Congregational Church.

Mr. Smith read the new Christmas booklet "The House of Chimham" at prayer meeting last week, and made it the substance of his address to children last Sunday morning.

Rev. Mr. Cross of Bridgewater, Mass., conducted the morning service at the Unitarian Church last Sunday. Rev. Mr. Birks will preach next Sunday, when the service will be of a special Christmas character, with appropriate music.

The Ladies' Sewing Society has shipped a barrel worth about \$40 to Rev. A. Betz of North Dakota. Its contents included sheets, pillow cases, comforters, underwear for the recipient's family, coats, sweaters, books and groceries. The goods were all new, except some second hand clothing.

CHRISTMAS IN THE STORES.

The stores are taking on a holiday look, many attractive and seasonable goods being displayed on the counters. George N. Kidder & Co., are showing a fine line of china, and have just received a large shipment of chairs and rockers. A special sale of furniture will be held December 20 to 25. Meanwhile there is abundant choice of useful and ornamental articles from 10 cents up.

We all know how hard it is to find suitable presents, useful and yet pleasing to the eye, and that do not look out of style the day after Christmas. C. C. Stearns calls attention to his fine line of neckwear. He chooses his own silks, and the ties are made up especially on his order. His assortment of gloves and mittens are large, and come direct from the manufacturers, from the 10 cent canvas glove to the \$5.00, fur-lined reindeer. Warm shoes for all persons of all ages and in all sizes. Stationery, the same as carried ever since he opened the store, namely, Eaton & Hurlbut's Highland Linen, nothing better made for the price. An exceptionally fine assortment has just been received from the factory.

Robbins and Evans have a good line of toys, games, children's books, stationery, confectionery, including a special line for Christmas, fruit, nuts and everything in groceries. In dry goods they are showing a full line of handkerchiefs, towels, napkins, toilet articles, and all seasonable goods. They also have sleds and skates—everything that one expects to find in an up-to-date store at this season.

Newton and Doolittle have had a good week in their new store in Parsons building, the handkerchiefs, gloves, shirtwaists, dressing gowns, cushions, dollies, aprons and similar goods proving ready sellers.

In hand-painted gift and art cards, also Christmas cards and booklets, Levering is making an attractive display. New campus and local views in water colors, also Deerfield and other nature views, as well as Japanese pictures and post cards make inexpensive but tasty gifts. Levering also carries the standard line of photos and kodaks from \$1.00 up.

In purchasing flowers, give your orders to Burr of Greenfield and Bradley Greenhouses, Brattleboro, who can

fill orders promptly for Christmas bells, wreaths, holly, mistletoe and other novelties, in addition to cut flowers and flowering plants and palms.

AROUND THE HUB

(Special Correspondence.)

No "White Slave" Traffic.
Police Commissioner O'Meara declares that the white slave traffic does not prevail in Boston.

The statement was made by the police, following the report of the United States Immigration Commission relative to the evils, that was recently sent broadcast.

Headquarters inspectors and officials of the Immigration Bureau met and discussed the matter, and which later caused Police Commissioner O'Meara to issue the following letter to the papers:

"A report of the United States Immigration Commission relative to the 'importation and harboring of women for immoral purposes' was presented last week to congress and parts of it were printed in the Boston newspapers. This is the so-called 'white slave traffic,' and as many persons have been led to believe that Boston was deeply involved, I have obtained from Washington and examined carefully a full copy of the report.

"Though it consists of 61 printed pages, the name of Boston is mentioned but four times, always in the most casual manner, as for instance, that it is one of the dozen cities in which investigations were made and that it is among the seaports through which women who have been sent back to their own countries may sometimes re-enter the United States.

"There is no suggestion of the existence in Boston of conditions which prevail in some other cities and are fully described in the report. While so many persons and organizations are endeavoring to promote the material welfare of Boston, its good name, which is better than 'great riches,' needs to be protected from the assaults of societies and individuals whose recent use of the 'white slave' as a means of stimulating subscriptions has been varied, persistent, and I think I may justly say unscrupulous."

New Steamship Line.

The Holland-American steamship line, which is well known and long established, will very soon begin to run its boats direct from Rotterdam to Boston, thus giving this city an important connection with a thriving city in a bustling part of the old world.

The line will be the only one running from Rotterdam to this city, and it is confidently expected that this port will materially benefit by the accession. While the service at the start will be devoted chiefly to freight, if there is any encouragement passenger facilities will be added. The securing of this service is the result of successful negotiations by the traffic department of the Boston & Maine railroad.

The service will begin early next month, and it is expected that about Jan. 10, the first arrival will dock at Mystic wharf in Charlestown. The boats will run fortnightly at first, and if the business increases, naturally, a weekly service may be necessary. To support a fortnightly service three boats are required. These ships will be 500 feet long and vary from 9000 tons to a slightly smaller tonnage. The amount of business which will be handled is indicated by the length of time which it is calculated it will take to discharge a cargo, which will be four or five days.

Guards Over-Zealous.

A justice of one of our municipal courts took occasion the other day to criticize pretty severely the growing tendency on the part of guards and brakemen of the tunnel trains in this city to emphasize their efforts for speed by pushing and otherwise laying hands on passengers who may not move quite rapidly enough to suit them. He was right. The evil is recognized by others than judges, and many travellers over the line have been hard put to it to keep their tempers when clutched and shoved by the platform men just before the closing of car doors.

It should only be necessary to show these over-zealous railroad employees, who, of course, mean no offence, that putting hands on a passenger, except in cases of emergency, is assault and can be punished in the court. The "I" men are almost universally courteous in their bearing. The few who forget themselves owe it to the service to reform.

Hibbard Will Stick.

Mayor Hibbard has branded as "an absolute and premeditated falsehood" information which, he said, had reached him that he had withdrawn from the mayoralty fight and had signed a paper to that effect.

Shortly after being told that such a story was being circulated on State street and other places, he issued a statement in which he characterized it

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JANUARY 1.

My voice shalt Thou hear in the morning, O LORD; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto Thee, and will look up.—Psalm 5:3.

The harder the day before me, the more earnest my prayer should be.

JANUARY 2.

Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?—1 John 5:5.

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JANUARY 3.

Lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure.—2 Corinthians 12:7.

Don't let speculation as to the thorn obscure its design and effect.

JANUARY 4.

Hereby perceive we the love of God, because He laid down His life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.—1 John 3:16.

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LOCALISMS.

The sign post at the corner of Main street and the road to Mount Hermon takes the cake for humor. The old sign reads: "Bernardston, 5 miles." A new blue and white enamel affair has recently been posted, which reads: "Bernardston, 7 miles." Why has Bernardston moved two miles further away from us?

Now that the State Highway Commission has effected the demolition of that fine old elm at the corner of Webster Block, perhaps their majesties would clear the highway of the antique tar barrels near Fred Proctor's livery sign.

Already teams are driving across the corner of the concrete curb around the Belcher Fountain grass plot in the broad daylight. That sort of thing ought to be discontinued. They ought to be fired.

30,000,000 ONE CENT COINS.

The Post Office Department has estimated that the enormous number of 300,000,000 one cent coins are deposited loose in the rural mail boxes throughout the country every year.

The picking of loose coins from the boxes not only results in needless hardship to the carriers in winter weather, but frequently results in actual loss to them, for if in collecting the coins they drop and lose some, they are obliged to replace the amount from their own pockets. And at all times delay in the delivery and collection of mail results from this practice.

Post Office supplies are carried by all carriers, and a small quantity of stamps and stamped envelopes should be kept on hand by the patrons for use when necessary.

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Will the 25-cent subscribers please remember that their time is up on December 31? Better renew at once, and miss no issues.

We read of an editor who refuses to publish obituary notices of people who, while living, failed to subscribe for his paper, and gives this pointed reason: "People who do not take their home paper are dead anyway, and their passing away has no news value."

CHRISTMAS EXERCISES IN THE SCHOOLS.

The lower grades in both schools at Northfield and at East Northfield had closing exercises of a Christmas character last Friday. Interesting programs had been worked up as follows, and were given to the enjoyment of all:

Primary room at the Northfield school: Song Santa's Coming Soon, school; recitations by Albertine Gallardetz, Florence Irish and Ruth Bigelow; exercise, pupils of first grade; poem, Christmas Bells, school; recitations by Julia Coughlin, Robert Clark, and Clarence Davis; song, Santa Claus, school; exercise, four girls of second grade; recitation, Mary Campbell; duet, Christmas Lullaby, Katherine Carpenter and Albertine Gallardetz; recitations by Henry Basset, Raymond Dinnell, Donald Williams, Esther Moore, Isabel Newton, and Margaret Thomas; exercise, pupils of grade 3; song, school. The pupils of the grammar grade kindly prepared a fish pond for the primary grade, which was much enjoyed after their exercises.

Intermediate room, Northfield: Song, Christmas Time, school; recitation, The Little Santa Claus, Daniel Koonz; recitation, Something for Everyone, Lena Dresser; exercise, story of the Christ Child, seven boys; telephone recitation, Frederick Fox; Manger Song, school; recitation, The Fruit for Me, Robert Randall; recitation, Needles and Pins, Alta Tolman; quartet, William Tonski, Raymond Smith, Roy Stratton, Clyde Cummings; recitation, Christmas to All, Raymond Smith; song, Glad Christmas Bells, school; recitation, The Angel's Message, William Tonski; Christmas exercise, 12 children; recitation, Giving, Edith Clark; song, The Postman, school.

East Northfield primary: Song, Christmas Time, class A; song, Long Ago, Helen Caldwell, Mary Moody, Louisa Murrell; recitation, Welcome, Ruth Newton; Bible story, Mary Moody; recitation, Loring Cowles; recitation, Gladys Solandt; song, Santa Claus, school; Why Do Bells of Christmas Ring? school; recitation, Helen Smith; recitation, Alden Doolittle; recitation, Who Is It? Ruth Maynard; song, Away in a Manger, little ones; reading, Louisa Murrell; song, Eyes So Bright, Agda Sword; Ruth Sword; recitation, Alice Morse; recitation, Olive Doolittle; song, Long Ago on Christmas Day, Helen Caldwell; recitation, Harold Davis; song, Jingle Bells, school. These exercises were followed by a Christmas tree, which brought at least two gifts to every child.

East Northfield grammar school: March; song, There's a Holy Light; responsive reading, grade 6; song, Silent Night; exercise, Christmas in Norway, grade 5; song, Beautiful Morning; story, Christmas at the Cratchits, grades 7 and 8; song, Happy Bells. The Christmas postman came with a pack on his back and delivered the contents to the grammar grades.

Fifty Thousand German Students

For the first time in the history of the German universities the total enrollment of full or matriculated students has passed the 50,000 line, the total during the present semester being 51,700, as compared with 48,780 last semester and 47,799 one year ago.

This immense total is distributed as follows: Berlin, 7,184; Munich, 6,547; Leipzig, 4,581; Bonn, 3,861; Freiburg, 2,760; Breslau, 2,247; Halle, 2,210; Göttingen, 2,239; Heidelberg, 2,171; Marburg, 2,124; Straßburg, 1,928; Tübingen, 1,921; Münster, 1,760; Jena, 1,606; Kiel, 1,593; Würzburg, 1,369; Königsberg, 1,293; Gießen, 1,271; Erlangen, 1,158; Gießen, 1,067; Rostock, 743. The "Universitätskalender," from which these data are taken, adds that with the non-matriculated students the sum total of academic citizens is over sixty thousand.—Independent.

NORTHFIELD

Miss Hall of Marshfield is a guest of Mrs. Alvin George.

Mrs. Hattie Atwood of Warwick, is visiting her sister.

Dr. Geo. F. Penicost was in town overnight last week.

The high school closed today, and will reopen next Friday.

Miss Elva Dennison of Bernardston has been a recent guest at Charles L. Johnson's.

The Grange will have a Christmas entertainment at the next meeting on December 28.

Mrs. Atwood of Warwick came on Sunday to spend the winter with Mrs. Albert Straton.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Pickle of Port Kent, N. Y., were recently the guests of Mrs. A. L. Carpenter.

Promote home interests by trading in town. Our advertisers have plenty of good things to offer.

Miss Huntoun and Miss Bachelder are spending their holidays at their homes in New Hampshire.

Mrs. Eliza Banks has rented the apartment now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Mason, in the Webster Block.

Picture postcards showing the new high school building are now on sale at the PRESS office. Three for 5 cents.

C. W. Mattoon displayed his usual good taste in the Christmas decorations of the Unitarian church last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fayette Howard received word on Monday of the birth of a daughter to Mrs. Edwin Dyer at Putney, Vt.

On December 16, Mrs. F. H. Smith shipped three barrels containing clothing and bedding to the Salvation Army in Boston.

One of the pleasant features of the supper and social at the Unitarian church last Thursday evening was a violin solo by Miss Marion Webster.

Leo Tolman will play first violin at the Christmas entertainment at the Congregational church. Mr. Tolman is a member of the Mount Hermon orchestra.

Osten Sheldon of Athol, only brother of Mrs. Otis Greenleaf, was accidentally killed last week. Mrs. Greenleaf and Mrs. Fred Britton, niece of the deceased, attended the funeral last Friday.

Mrs. Dr. Newton is giving a Christmas tree entertainment at her home on Saturday afternoon, from 3 to 5, to about 25 children who will not attend the exercises in the churches. This shows the genuine Christmas spirit.

At the meeting of the Fortnightly on Monday next the subject is "The Huguenots; the life and times of King Henry of Navarre." The following ladies are on the programme: Mrs. Annie W. Coe, Miss Gertrude Ball, Miss Sue A. Thompson, Mrs. Josephine C. Webster.

Miss Fannie Stockbridge is home from Woodville, N. H., for a three weeks' vacation. She and her mother are spending a few days this week in Springfield with Mrs. Serena Stockbridge Blodgett, and doing their Christmas shopping.

A daughter, Elizabeth Catherine, was born December 11, to Mrs. Philip A. Sullivan, in Colorado Springs, Colo. Mrs. Sullivan will be remembered as Miss Lillian Martin, who as a professional nurse, was associated with Miss Emma Alexander, and had an office in Milford, Mass.

Walter Mann has proved himself to be the premier huntsman in his vicinity this year. No less than five deer have fallen by his gun, and now the sport which was formerly his in hunting the smaller game around his farm has disappeared. Mr. Mann returned a few days ago from a two-weeks' trip in New Hampshire, where he shot two fine bucks.

The Sons of Veterans held a regular meeting Tuesday evening, Dec. 7 when the following officers were elected: Commander F. A. Irish; senior vice-commander F. L. Proctor; junior vice-commander F. A. Bigelow; camp council, A. H. Irish, D. L. Proctor and W. C. Fisher. It was voted to hold a joint installation with the Women's Relief corps and Sons of Veterans' auxiliary on Jan. 4.

The Ernest Gamble Concert Company, under the direction of the Entertainment Committee of the Boys' Brigade, gave a very acceptable musical programme in the Town Hall last Friday evening. The numbers were made up about equally between Mr. Stuermer, pianist; Miss Page, violinist, and Mr. Gamble, basso. Each artist was well received and elicited hearty applause. The company will be welcomed in Northfield if ever another date is secured.

The Squaeag Tribb of Improved

Order of Red Men held their regular meeting on Thursday evening and elected the following officers: Sachem D. L. Proctor; prophet, Jas. Broderick; senior saganore, F. A. Bigelow, junior saganore, A. W. Mason; chief of records, J. T. Cummings; keeper of wampum, A. W. Proctor; collector of wampum, W. W. State; trustees, W. J. Wright, F. A. Bigelow, F. B. Holton. These officers will be installed Jan. 20. The degree of adoption was also worked. The next regular meeting will be held Jan. 6th, when degrees will be worked on pale faces.

MRS. JULIA P. MALLEY.

A brief announcement of the serious illness of Mrs. Julia P. Malley, wife of our townsman, M. C. Malley, appeared in our columns last week. Since then the news of her death, on Monday last, at her son's home in Boston has been received by her friends here. Mrs. Malley was 69 years old last June. She was the daughter of the late Zebina Marsh of Northfield, who was the grandson of Jonathan Edwards. She was the mother of eight children, of whom only four are living, viz., her sons, Wm. L. and Charles A. Malley, and her daughters, Mrs. Chas. S. Walker and Mrs. Arthur S. Merrill. All her children live in Boston, and for the past ten years Mr. and Mrs. Malley have spent the winters with them. The burial service of Mrs. Malley was conducted by Rev. N. Fay Smith in Northfield, last Tuesday, at 1 p. m. Mrs. Malley leaves many friends with whom she was actively associated in the W. R. C., and other organizations in Northfield.

JANUARY SCRIBNER.

Theodore Roosevelt in his article in the January Scribner treats especially of hunting the hippo and leopard. He concludes his article with the following remarkable tribute to the climate of his hunting-ground:

"While in the highlands of British East Africa it is utterly impossible for a stranger to realize that he is under the equator; the climate is delightful and healthy. It is a white man's country, a country which should be filled with white settlers; and no place could be more attractive for visitors. There is no more danger to health incident to an ordinary trip to East Africa than there is to an ordinary trip to the Riviera. Of course, if one goes on a hunting-trip there is always a certain amount of risk, including the risk of fever, just as there would be if a man camped out in some of the Italian marshes. But the ordinary visitor need have no more fear of his health than if he were travelling in Italy, and it is hard to imagine a trip better worth making than the trip from Mombasa to Nairobi and on to the Victoria Nyanza."

PROMINENT PEOPLE

Francis J. Heney has resigned as Assistant District Attorney of San Francisco.

William Powell Frith, a noted English artist, died in London in his ninety-first year.

An operation for appendicitis was performed on Percy A. Rockefeller at Greenwich, Conn.

Senator Aldrich announced that he would continue to make speeches on the monetary question.

Colonel F. Carroll Goldsborough has been elected commodore of the Chesapeake Bay Yacht Club, Easton, Md.

Sir Richard Cartwright, Canadian Minister of Trade and Commerce, declares for free trade between the United States and the Dominion.

Rev. William D. Stevens, of the Reformed Episcopal Church of Our Redeemer, Philadelphia, has accepted a call to the First Church, New York City.

The corporation tax law was the subject of a conference between President Taft and Frank A. Vanderlip, president of the National City Bank of New York.

Ambassador Bacon postponed his sailing for France after submitting to an X-ray examination that disclosed the necessity for a slight operation, due to his fall from his horse.

J. P. Morgan decided in one evening that he wanted control of the New Jersey Central Road to give the Reading a New York terminal and closed the deal at once.

Major-General Thomas H. Barry, who commanded the Army of Cuban Pacification, has been ordered to go to San Francisco and assume command of the Department of California.

Colorado Fuel Co. Assets

Found to Be \$100,056,476. Denver, Col.—A reappraisal of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company, ordered by John D. Rockefeller, places the assets of that company, which was threatened with bankruptcy recently, at \$100,056,476. The total liabilities are given at \$31,248,147. It is announced that the iron ore supply is now \$6,000,000 tons, sufficient to run the Pueblo mills at full capacity for at least fifty years. The development of valuable coal and coke properties is also announced.

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FRANKLIN COUNTY

G. H. Turner of Charlemont has made and sold to the farmers in that vicinity 12,000 apple barrels this season.

George Denton of South Ashfield has trapped within the past six weeks 190 skunks, 39 foxes and five coons, for which he has received \$504.59.

Mr. Nelson testified that it was not always possible to tell how an animal would act under these circumstances. Usually they remained quiet, and this method of catching the animal was regarded as the most humane in the long run. The defendant was found not guilty. The complaint was by Agent Dyson of the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.—Gazette and Courier.

The Congregational churches of the county will try to raise the sum of \$6,824 apportioned to them for the support of the seven benevolent societies of the denomination. The apportionment is made on a scale of about 16 percent of the home expenses of each church, the larger churches being assigned a percentage slightly larger, and the smaller ones a little under 16 percent. The amount desired is about twice as large as what has been contributed for the benevolences in the past. Special attention is to be given to the collections for foreign missions, as the churches of the county are pledged to support the mission at Pao Ting Fu, China.

A case of much interest to owners of cattle came up when Arthur Nelson of Bernardston was charged with cruelty to a heifer. Mr. Nelson makes a business of catching wild cattle, using dogs for this work. There was testimony that he had set out to catch some wild heifers on Northfield mountain, the one in question belonging to one Cummings, but later sold to a butcher named Meade. He caught one heifer, and the dogs started for another which shook off the dogs twice and was held by them only as soon as the dogs caught her a third time. The dogs caught her by the nose. It appeared that the animal was somewhat torn by the dogs.

A member of the new board of directors of the Greenfield Savings Bank estimates the time when the bank can open again as three years from the present, making the period of suspension about four years in all. If the officials can see their way clear to open before that they will do so. Much of course will depend upon the prosperity of North Adams and the condition of real estate in that city, where this bank had so much invested. Otherwise the assets of the bank are as sound as those of any bank, and it is merely a question of waiting until the interest on the other funds makes up whatever may have been lost in those investments. The new board is a very strong one. It represents the two national banks, and it should and will command the confidence of the town.

William A. Dwyer, proprietor of the Maplewood Hotel at Whately, was tried in the district court at Greenfield for keeping a common liquor nuisance. He was found guilty and fined \$75, from which he took an appeal to the superior court and furnished bail for \$200 for his future appearance. Yesterday the prosecution put in evidence to prove that he was the proprietor of the hotel. He had previously been acquitted of selling liquor illegally on the ground that the evidence offered failed to identify him as the proprietor of the house. The complaints were made by the officers of the Franklin County Law Enforcement League. Three men bought and drank beer at the hotel last July. There was further evidence of a bartender having been seen behind the bar and men in the front on another occasion. The defense put in no evidence. Dwyer stated to the court after his conviction that he had never before been convicted of a similar offense.—Republican.

Northfield Seminary

Twenty girls are remaining during vacation and are housed at Moore Hall. They entertained friends from Mount Hermon on Monday evening. Mr. W. R. Moody will give them a Christmas dinner.

The Senior ranks have been strengthened by the addition of Misses Donnell, Howard, Relyea and Warner.

White in the shade, red in the sun, such is the two-fold character that has given a name to the chameleon rose. At night or when it is carried into a dark room it assumes a wax-like whiteness.

Mount Hermon School

The Mt. Hermon church annually sends some token to the Hermon missionaries abroad. This year a picture of the new dining hall taken from the chapel tower has been sent to each.

Mrs. Nichols is recovering from an operation which was recently performed at the Springfield hospital.

A good deal of work has been put in on the roadways in the school grounds this fall. The most important is the grading of the road through the pines, where the rock at the highest point has been blasted away to a depth of about six feet.

Mrs. Drury gave birth to a daughter last Sunday night.

The Y. M. C. A. enrolled 307 members last term—a record number. About 225 men engaged in voluntary Bible study.

The contributions of the old students to the D. L. Moody Fund for the past fiscal year—August 1, 1908, to July 31, 1909—amounted to \$4,534.82. With the exception of the twenty-fifth anniversary year, this exceeds all previous records.

About a hundred students are staying over during vacation.

New chairs, mission style, have been installed in West Hall (the new dining hall).

Mount Hermon will be represented at the International Student Volunteer Convention at Rochester, N. Y., by Professor McConaughy and Messrs. Magin, Salter, Barnbrook, McClure and Axtell.

HERE AND THERE.

The Student Volunteer Convention held every fourth year (that is, one during any man's college course) will meet next at Rochester, N. Y., December 29 to January 2. No more representative gathering of college men and women is ever held.

Dr. G. W. Peirce has had a sign painted on the postoffice building at Winchester, N. H., giving the distance to the following cities from that town: Greenfield, 26 miles; Springfield, 63; Hartford, 91; New Haven, 133; New York, 210. It is designed especially for the convenience of tourists.

The deer hunting season in Cheshire county, New Hampshire, closed Wednesday night. The number killed in the entire county was smaller than in some previous years. In Westmoreland and Hinsdale the hunters were very successful, getting 40 in the former town and nearly 50 in the latter. The number killed in Cheshire was smaller than two years ago.

Brattleboro's new public building nominally stands 132 on the list in the supervising architect's office though, really, it is 102, since 30 cases have been considered during the summer months. It will probably take at least nine months more before Brattleboro's turn comes for consideration, and even a year, and more, before the grounds are in readiness for the contractors to begin on the foundations.

The matter of leasing the Brattleboro auditorium for a moving picture theatre, which has been agitated widely during the past few days with the result that a determined opposition to the idea has arisen, was discussed last evening at a regular meeting of the selectmen. No definite action was taken, however, the town fathers deeming it better to wait until they could ascertain the sentiment of the town in the matter. The proposition in brief is to lease the auditorium for \$2,500 a year and heat. This means, of course, that the theatre would have to be turned into a moving-picture house, and if this were done there is no likelihood that entertainments of a higher character would be seen there. Since the matter came to public attention sentiment against leasing the auditorium at all has been increasing with extreme rapidity, and it is now safe to say that a majority of the merchants, as well as many other residents of the town, are decidedly opposed to the idea. The only possible excuse for considering the proposition, to turn the auditorium into a moving-picture theatre is one of cold dollars and cents, and even that is not alluring upon analysis. From 1900 to 1908 the auditorium receipts increased from \$1,200 to \$2,450; in fact, in one year they went as high as \$2,600. Thus for this season \$1,600 has been received, and several hundred dollars more is likely to come in before Feb. 1. Considered in any other light the proposition is outrageous, meaning as it would a distinct lowering of the civic and commercial welfare of the town, ultimate ruin of the auditorium itself, and a decidedly poor advertisement for Brattleboro's enterprise and public spirit.—Former.

No matter how greatly other expenses may have changed in Japan, the allowance for the Imperial household remains as it has been for years, 3,600,000 yen (\$500,000) a modest amount compared with the Imperial or royal allowances of other countries.

Eating Vinegar

By D. W. T. HEADLAND.

One day a eunuch from the palace of one of the leading princes in Peking came to ask my wife, who was their physician, to go to see some of the women or children who were ill. It was drawing near to the New Year festival, and, of course, they had their own absorbing topics of conversation in the servants' courts. I said to him: "The prince has a good many children, has he not?"

"Twenty-three," he answered.

"How many concubines has he?" I inquired.

"Three," he replied, "but he expects to take on two more after the holidays."

"Doesn't it cause trouble in a family for a man to have so many women about? I should think they would be jealous of each other."

"Ah," said he, with a wave of his hand and a shake of his head, "that is a topic that is difficult to discuss. Naturally if this woman sees him taking to that woman, this one is going to eat vinegar."

They do "eat vinegar," but perhaps as little of it as any people who live in the way in which they live; for the Chinese have organized their own home life as nearly on a governmental basis as any people in the world.

In addition to his wife and concubines, each son when he marries brings his wife home to a parental court, and all these sisters-in-law, or daughters-in-law, add so much to the complications of living, for each must have her own retinue of servants.—Putnam's Magazine.

WISE WORDS.

Avarice bursts the bag.—Danish.

Virtue is a short anchor.—Latin.

Attend to what you are about.—Latin.

Idleness covers a man with rags.—German.

Unquiet meals make ill digestion.—German.

We become distinguished by merit alone.—Latin.

A change of pasture makes fat calves.—Spanish.

Against God's wrath no castle is thunderproof.—Spanish.

The law of the wise is a fountain of life.—Proverbs 13:14.

A knave or fool can do no harm, even by the most sinistrous and absurd choice.—Bentley.

There are few things more exasperating than trying to quarrel with people who won't pay any attention to you.—Puck.

All ceremonies are, in themselves, very silly things, but yet a man of the world should know them.—Lord Chesterfield.

It must always be remembered that nothing can come into the account of recreation that is not done with delight.—Locke.

I keep silence about many things, for I do not want to put people out of countenance; and I am well content if they are pleased with things that annoy me.—Goethe.

Nor is that man less deceived that thinks to maintain a constant tenure of pleasure by a continual pursuit of sports and recreations; for all these things, as they refresh a man when weary, so they weary him when refreshed.—South.

Old age, the gradual slipping off of the worn garment, meant tenderly, I think, as nature's preparation for the putting it off altogether and being clothed afresh with something we know not what, except that it will be altogether new.—Dinah Mulock Craik.

It is that vanished one who changes all things so for us by adding his goodness to the unseen side of things. We can never know the whole of a friend's blessing until he has died. We speak of circles broken by death, but a circle is really incomplete until some of the friends sit out of sight.—W. C. Gannett.

Uncle Sam's Employment Bureau.

Uncle Sam has opened a free employment bureau, which may develop into the largest institution of its kind ever attempted. Four million postcards were recently sent by the Department of Commerce and Labor to the various postmasters with instructions to distribute them among small factory managers and farmers in search of workmen. The cards are returned to Washington, stating the number and kind of men desired and are placed on file. The plan is to turn them over to immigrants and the unemployed men of the great cities, with the view of aiding both the small industry without workmen and the workmen without jobs.—Circle.

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Western Education in China.

Prof. John Fryer, head of the department of Oriental languages of the university of California and considered one of the foremost Chinese scholars of the world, has returned to his university duties after a tour of inspection of the education system of China. Prof. Fryer declared that the advancement of learning in China was surpassing any similar movement in the world's history.

Education is considered by the Celestials, he said, far above everything else and nothing else is held of like importance. In describing the situation Prof. Fryer said: "It is one of the greatest movements recorded in history. It is wonderful to see how, in only half a dozen years, it has permeated the vast Chinese empire. High, low, rich and poor, all alike, are anxious to obtain western learning at any cost."—Chicago Tribune.

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One may pay a high price for the ready-made blouse if one is willing to do it. There are chic imported models replete with original details and bearing an unmistakably Parisian stamp, and these of course come high, but such a blouse if made to order by a dressmaker capable of producing such work would cost as much or more than the ready-made model and mean more trouble and time.

Blouse or Gumpie.

Such a plain blouse or gumpie as this one can be made available in many ways. It can be made from all-over lace as in this case, it can be made from plain material braided or embroidered, it can be made from one of the new jetted nets or materials of the sort, and it can be worn as a blouse or as a gumpie. Utilized in this last way it is singularly well adapted to wear beneath the new chiffon over blouses and will be pretty made from flowered or fancy material. The tucks over the shoulders mean just becoming fulness without any effect of elaboration, and there is a choice allowed of the sleeves illustrated or of plain ones that can be either long or in elbow length.

The blouse is made with a fitted lining, which is optional, front and back. The tucks are stitched to yoke depth at the front, but for their entire length at the back and the fulness is arranged in gathers at the waist line. The fancy sleeves consist of deep cuffs and puffs. The plain ones



with three-quarter or long sleeves, and the sleeves can be the pretty fancy ones illustrated or plain ones as shown in the back view. In the illustration one of the beautiful new soft moire silks is combined with embeled cloth and with beaded net. There is a little trimming of soutache about the neck edge. The waist is just as well adapted to crepe de Chine, mesaline and other thin materials, however, and one of these can be used throughout, or the full sleeves can be made to match, while the little frill or tucker and the fancy portions are of contrasting material.

The waist is made over a fitted lining. This lining is faced at the under-arms and again to form the yoke. The waist itself is cut with back portions and front that is extended to form the girdle at the back and the closing is made invisibly at the back. The little frill or tucker is arranged over the lining. The full sleeves consist of puffs, over portions of up-turned cuffs, all of which are arranged over plain foundations, and these foundations are the same as the sleeves shown in the back view. If long sleeves are wanted the linings are faced to form close fitting cuffs.

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Capt. Fullam Gets Mississippi.

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Commander R. W. Houston will be made commandant of the navy training station at Newport.

Money for Tuberculosis Fight.

Philadelphia.—Announcement has been made by the trustees of the university of Pennsylvania that Henry Phipps of New York, founder of the Phipps Institute in this city, had presented to the university \$500,000, to be used in the campaign against tuberculosis. The management of the Phipps Institute will fall upon the university trustees and the study of treatment and prevention of the disease will be continued in a new hospital.

Vice-President's Dinner.

Washington.—Vice-President and Mrs. Sherman were hosts at a function Monday night which from years of custom has come to be known as the "vice-president's dinner."

The affair is one of the mildest in Washington social season. President Taft went alone, Mrs. Taft going to the theatre. Several house guests of the vice-president and Mrs. Sherman were present.

HOW JOY AND GLADNESS CAME TO MRS. MAILLORY

It was Christmas Eve. The snow, which had been falling all day now turned to rain. The dreary drizzle lent a chill to the air.

Mrs. Maillory stood at her drawing room window, held back the dark velvet curtains and looked out on the silent avenue. There were few pedestrians in sight. Now and then a carriage came under the electric light, and the watcher at the window caught glimpses of the dainty raiment of the occupants as they whirled gayly past on their way to some Christmas festivity.

"Christmas festivity!" she repeated aloud, and her voice was low and tense and expressed her pent up scorn and weariness of the whole Christmas season.

She stood thus for a few moments, staring out into the night. The damask portiere was pushed aside with a quick, light motion, and a slim, neatly attired maid appeared in the doorway. Her eyes fairly danced with delight, and though she spoke with a demure dignity it was evident that something highly pleasing to her fancy was afoot.

"Does it please you that I come in now, madam?" she asked, with a quaint little accent that would at once mark her Parisienne—had her trim appearance not already done so. Mrs. Maillory turned slowly from the window.

"Yes, Janette, you may bring in—my Christmas gifts." There was a trace of irony in the last two words, but her manner was entirely haughty and indifferent. She crossed the room and sat in a large armchair of rare Italian hand-carved wood. The pale violet lamp screen on the table beside her shed a soft light, and the rose light from the great open fire caught a gleam now and then from the jewels on her fingers. It was a curious light, the combination of the rose and violet, but it was almost wondrously lovely. Mrs. Maillory was a beautiful woman—a stern, classic beauty. The folds of her black velvet gown fell about her in simple stately grace; her bare neck and shoulders gleamed white against the dark chair. Her hair was gray about the temples, and her deep dark eyes were at times inexpressibly sad. She was lonely, but she was proud, and none knew of her sad Christmas Eve. She had refused scores of invitations, and was keeping her Christmas Eve as was her custom, having her gifts brought to her there in the dimly-lighted drawing-room.

Her husband was keeping his Christmas Eve, as was his custom, in the great dense forest. Mr. Maillory was what the world calls an upright man—honored on the street, of a flint-like integrity in his business. His word was as good as a bond. He surrounded his wife with every possible luxury, excepting the one priceless luxury for which a woman would sacrifice all others—friendship and comradeship. These he reserved for a few old friends, men who had been through financial battles with him, who had shared his college frolics and studies.

That afternoon he had hurried in, gathered up his hunting traps and started off. He had given his wife a check—a princely sum—and said: "Just buy yourself a little trinket, Victoria, my dear, and have a nice time at the Van Arden's tonight."

"If he had only bought me a little something himself," she thought, sadly. "If it were only a few flowers!"

Janette came in, followed by a footman in gorgeous livery carrying a large number of little packages of all shapes and sizes. He came several times and arranged the packages as Janette directed. The maid was all little flutterings and happiness and fitted from this box to that

of duty, she knew that. Climbers on the social ladder wished to be her friends, that they might through her influence open the closed doors of society. Those in her own set liked her as well as women who live for fashion and society are capable of liking one another. Charity organizations courted her favor, for she was always ready to respond to their calls. Unlike many of the women of her acquaintance, she went personally to the poorer quarters, and aided the wretched poverty there.

The maid placed the trinkets on the table for her mistress' inspection of her jewels that should have the power to give joy to any woman, but Mrs. Maillory looked at them indifferently, and toyed with them with her slender white fingers.

She frowned with displeasure as the maid laid before her a wrap of costly fur.

"My nephew should not have sent me this," she said sharply. "He can-

written in the same childish hand, was pinned to the curious pink cambric square. The note ran:

"Dear Misses Malry: You don't know me but you can to our house a while ago and brot things when Jonnie the baby had measles. You was good to us, and we like you. We wish you a mery Christmas. The thing I made you is for your hankerchuf."

"MAMIE O'DONNELL."

"What does the child mean?" thought Mrs. Maillory in great surprise.

The she remembered. The O'Donnells were on her charity list. She looked at the gift. It was a pink cambric square, the four corners turned back and tied with a ribbon. The stitches were large and uneven, the cambric was soiled and the ribbon old. She looked closely at the ribbon. It had been used, evidently as a hair ribbon. Suddenly a thought came to the woman—she remembered the day perfectly when she had brought ease and comfort to little Johnnie. The mother was away at work, and the little sister kept house and cared for the baby brother. The child had showed this pink ribbon proudly to the visitor; her "Sunday ribbon," she told her.

The great lady fingered the soiled, gaudy piece of pink cambric and ribbon gently, almost reverently, and

MADONNA IN CONTEMPLATION.



not afford it. It was only because I gave them their wedding silver."

The maid did not hear this, for she was lost in raptures over a firmly matinee of real lace and hand-painted chiffon.

"Oh, the exquisite 'mouse,'" she cried, with more enthusiasm than knowledge of correct English.

Mrs. Maillory smiled little at the maid's quaint happiness in the gift. She was rather fond of Janette and was often amused at the girl's extravagant expressions. Janette was a happy, care-free soul and always ready to cater to her every mood.

She ran to her mistress with a veritable little squeal of pleasure as she untied one box. It was a fine gold necklace with a butterfly pendant, frail, jewelled, delicate as a breeze. Mrs. Maillory read the card and her face turned pale.

"Cat!" she whispered.

The gift was from a woman whom Mrs. Maillory thoroughly disliked, and she had not tried to hide her feelings. The woman, through ambitions of her own, had persistently clung to Mrs. Maillory, and had used her name as the entree into many fashionable gatherings. As she looked at the jewel, Mrs. Maillory could have crushed its delicate beauty in her hand.

The stately footman came into the room, the picture of shocked dignity. Janette was about to take the brown paper parcel which the footman held out stiffly before him, then started back with a little scream.

"The impertinence!" she cried. "What does this mean?" asked Mrs. Maillory, haughtily.

"A very ragged little girl left this awful package, madam. She insisted on its being given to you."

"Bring it to me."

The footman gave the crumpled bundle to his mistress.

"Misses Malry," was written in a round, childish scrawl. A strange feeling came over the woman.

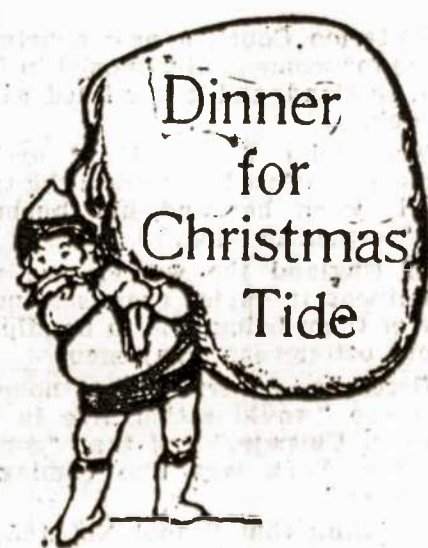
"You may go," she said to Janette and the man, and the maid withdrew reluctantly.

When the hard knots of the string were finally taken off, Mrs. Maillory exclaimed in surprise. A little note,

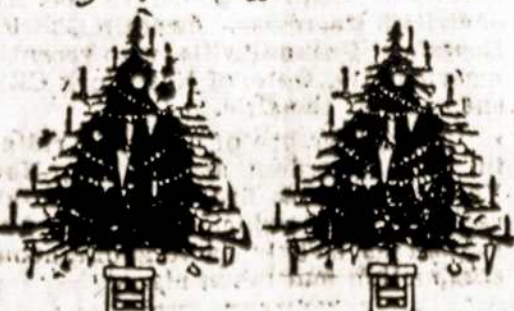
there were tears in her voice as she said softly:

"Her one treasure, her bit of a ribbon—she gave it to me—she gave it to me because it is Christmas."

With a sob that was half joy, half sorrow, she laid her head over on the queer, shabby little offering and wept away all the grief and lonely heart-ache, for in the gift of a little child she had found her real Christmas.—Boston Globe.



CHRISTMAS MENU
Olive, Celery, Cranberry Jelly
Oyster Soup, Chicken, Cranberry Jelly
Roast Turkey, Cranberry Jelly
Baked Macaroni and Cheese
Stuffed Peppers with Rice
Boiled Onions
Tomato and Lettuce Salad
French Dressing
Christmas Pudding
Nuts, Coffee, Raisins



Christmas Eve (Children)
(Before Christmas Eve)
Chicken Broth with Rice
Bread Sticks, Bread-and-Butter
Sandwiches or Bread-and-Orange
Marmalade, Jelly Sandwiches
Lady Fingers, Sprigged Ice Cream
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Christmas 'Way Down South.

You hear dat fiddle's music—de clappin' of de ban's?
Dey beats de jubilation of de halleluia ban's!
You hear dat fiddle's a-creakin'? En don't you hear de call:
"Balance ter yo' partners, en swing yo' ladies all!"

Chris'mus times, good people!
Heel en toe you lif!
Yander come de white folks—
Ketch'em "Chris'mus Gif'!"

Who dat 'way off yander, rackin' down de road?
De ole-time, gray-head deacon, wid a congregation load!
De meetin'-house is empty—can't miss de Chris'mus chance—
Dey muster heard de music, en dey comin' ter de dance!

Come in dar, you people,
En swing aroun' de hall!
Heel en toe, en roun' you go,
En "Chris'mus Gif' ter all!

De very backlog's dancin', en up de red sparks go,
En pell de ban's wid fire, whar dey moan in de snow!
Dey better take de road home, en hunt de holler tree,
Fer dis here time is Chris'mus, en de fiddle's flyin' free!

Watch out fer dat mistletoe!
Ketch you, I be boun'!
Kiss her fer dat "Chris'mus Gif'!"
Swing yo' sweetheart roun'!

Come in—de whole plantation—en jine de dancin' feet,
En glimpse dat peaceful 'possum—dat turkey, brown en sweet!
De table piled wid plenty!—come in, en take yo' place,
En see de deacon smack his mouf en say amazin' grace!

Ain't dis halleluia
Ter de soul er you?
'Pears like Heaven come down ter airth
En tell you, "Howdy do!"

Chris'mus times, good people! De let de music roll!
De snow done hide de medders, but de summer's in you' soul!
Han's roun'—de ole Ferginny Reel! en let de shadders creep
Like ghosts acrost de snowflakes—but we'll dance de stars ter sleep!

Chris'mus times, good people—
Bes' time sence de fall!
Glory halleluia.
En "Chris'mus Gif' ter all!
—Frank L. Stanton, in the Saturday Evening Post.



A TOY TRAGEDY?

She came to plegge some girlie,
From far across the sea,
Her locks were dark and curly;
A pretty doll was she.
Her hair was like the raven's wing,
With tendrils prone to curl and cling.

They put her in a stocking,
And coldly left her there
Between—oh, it was shocking!
A tiger and a bear.
Of course, she spent a dreadful night,
And Christmas morn her hair was white!
—Louisville Courier-Journal.

De Lil' Tin Horn.

Sho' ez you bo'n,
Dey gwine ter be fun wid de lil' tin ho'n:
En some folks'll growl, in de ol'-fashon' way,
Kase it rouse 'em fum res' at de breakin' er day!
But de lil' folks say dat dey never shall kee—
"Chris'mus des come once a year!"

Sho' ez you bo'n,
Dar's de life er de worl' in dat lil' tin ho'n!
En de fines' er sights—en de purtiest, too,
Is dem rosy-red regiments marchin' ter you!
Some folks, dey may growl, but de chillun don't kee—
"Chris'mus des come once a year!"

Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house
Not a creature was stirring—not even a mouse;
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,
In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there.



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SPORTING BREVITIES.

Lothrop Withington, of Honolulu, is the new Harvard football captain.
"Joe" Jeannette and "Sam" McVea fought a thirty-round draw in Paris.
George Mullin, of the Detroit Baseball Club, leads the American League in pitching.

Stanley Ketchel has finally declined to visit Australia to fight Burns, Fitzsimmons and Lang.

Expert sentiment is divided as to the comparative merits of Canadian Rugby and American football.

Dr. Williams chose a one-year contract with Minnesota at \$3500, rather than a two-year agreement at \$3000 a year.

To reform football: Eliminate running with the ball, or passing it, or kicking it. That will end all danger.

Penn State wants to enter the Intercollegiate Wrestling League now. Apparently all is excitement at State because Lee Talbot is there.

The University of Washington is having two new shells built for the crews. They are to cost \$1000 altogether and will be made in Seattle.

Penn is to play Dartmouth at football next season, it is reported, dropping the Indians to make a place on the Red and Blue list for the purpose.

Miss Marlon Kennedy, of Great Neck, L. I., won the cup for the best of all breeds, with Pomeria Buttercup, at the Toy Dog Show in New York.

"Jeffries isn't sure whether he can go ten rounds or not," said James W. Croft, "so he will try to hook Johnson on the jaw in the first round."

Ban Johnson, American League president, says if necessary he will name those alleged to be concerned in the so-called umpire bribery case in New York.

Ozone is the best water purifier, asserts the Chicago Tribune. It adds to the water nothing except oxygen, which assists in aeration. An ozonizing plant has been established at St. Maur, near Paris, where the water of the Marne River was found to contain many disease germs, even after it had passed through sedimentation basins and sand filters. The temperature of the water is lowered by the operation and not a trace of nitrous oxide, chlorine compounds, hydrogen dioxide, or metallic salts due to corrosion of the apparatus can be detected in the sterilized water. Of the ozone absorbed seventy-three per cent. is consumed immediately in sterilization, seven per cent. remains diffused through the water and exerts a subsequent sterilizing effect and twenty per cent. escapes into the atmosphere.

"Talkin' 'bout de silver linin' in de cloud," said Uncle Eben, in the Washington Star, "ain't g'ineter be much comfort to de man dat's hankerlin' foh a few mo' thicknesses in his overcoat."

Dr. Felix Adler says that if women had wanted the ballot they would have had it long ago.



in a perfect whirlwind of joy. This was a rare treat, opening Madame's Christmas gifts.

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EAST NORTHFIELD.

Richard Smith, son of Rev. N. Fay Smith, is visiting in Haydenville, Mass. Frank Pitt returned on Wednesday from Williams College for the vacation.

Mrs. Bess Whittle returned to her house on Wednesday, to spend the winter here.

Miss Ethel Moody arrived here last Saturday from Washington, D. C., for the vacation.

M. G. Kakhtalian has opened a shoe-repairing shop at Frank Spencer's former home.

The anniversary of D. L. Moody's death, December 22, was remembered by the placing of a floral tribute on his grave on Round Top.

Miss Elva Howell of the '99 class at the Seminary, who has been teaching the past five years in Hartsboro College, Richmond, Va., is now employed in the office of Record of Christian Work.

The school readers compiled by Miss Frances E. Cutter are the only readers ever placed in the New York State library list of "The Hundred Best Books." They are inspirational as well as informational.

Mrs. Julia Lyman was 89 years old last Monday. The ladies of the Sewing Society of the Congregational Church, of which she is an active member, presented her with a beautiful azalea. Mrs. Lyman is the oldest resident member of the church. She walks everywhere without assistance and is a benediction to all who know her.

West Northfield and South Vernon.

They have been expecting to open the new depot for business this week. This will be followed by alterations in the Ashnet branch and freight tracks. Mr. Adams and his assistants expect plenty of work this winter re-adjusting the traffic and regulations and practice for about 90 trains daily.

W. R. Moody was the speaker at Johnson Hall last Sunday evening. Union service at Johnson Hall next Sunday evening. All past and present workers are invited to be present. Everybody welcome to this last service in the hall.

Christmas Tree and exercises this (Friday) evening in Johnson Hall.

Dedication of Advent Church, South Vernon.

The dedication of the new Advent Christian Church at South Vernon will take place next Wednesday, December 29. This will be quite an event, and an interesting series of exercises occupying the whole day are planned. The stores will be closed afternoon and evening, and those who have the services in charge wish the entire community and all who are interested in the enterprise to consider themselves invited to all the services, especially the recognition service and reception to the pastor, Rev. A. E. Phelps, and wife, in the evening. Rev. I. M. Blanchard a former pastor, and wife, will receive with Mr. and Mrs. Phelps. As it is expected that quite a large number will be on hand for dinner, local friends are invited to send in food.

The order of exercises for the day are as follows:—

Opening Service, 11 a. m.
Dinner, 12 noon.
Dedication Service 1.30 p. m.
Recognition Service and Reception, 2 p. m.

Dedicatory Service 1.30 p. m.
Organ Voluntary.

Doxology.
Invocation, Rev. I. M. Blanchard.
Anthem, choir.
Scripture Reading.

Hymn.
Statement by Chairman of Building Committee and Treasurer's Report, A. A. Dunklee.

Delivering over the completed Building to the Church.

Acceptance of same by the Deacons of Church.

Singing, quartet.

History of Church, Rev. George E. Tyler.

Responsive Reading.

Hymn.

Scripture Lesson, Rev. N. Fay Smith.

Prayer of Dedication, Rev. Herbert E. Buzzum.

Hymn of Dedication.

Sermon Rev. F. L. Piper, editor of World's Crisis.

Pledges and Collection.

Hymn of Praise.

Benediction.

Organ Postlude.

Evening Service.

Recognition Service and Reception to the pastor and wife.

Service of Song.

Hymn.
Scripture Lesson.
Prayer.

Address, Rev. I. M. Blanchard.

Singing, quartet.

Address: Welcome to Church Work, Rev. N. Fay Smith.

Address: Welcome to Village, Arthur Martindale.

Address to Church, Rev. Geo. E. Tyler.

Hymn.

Remarks by Others.

Hymn: "Blest be the Tie that Binds."

Benediction.

Reception and Social Hour.

We shall hope to give an extended report of the proceedings in our issue of January 7.

WARWICK.

Miss Ellen Bennett came home Friday for her two weeks' vacation.

Mrs. Mary White is visiting friends in Woonsocket and Warren, R. I.

Miss Lucy Graham is spending this week with her sister in Northfield.

The Union Christmas Tree will be in the Town Hall Friday evening at 7.30.

There will be a program of recitations and singing, and then the distribution of presents.

The Misses Stevens will leave Friday to spend the next two months with friends in South Weymouth.

Afton Whittemore was at home for a few days the past week. He slipped on the ice, spraining his elbow, so that he was unable to work.

Miss Elsie Williams returned from Smith College, Wednesday, to spend a two-weeks' Christmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Williams.

THE CENTURY IN 1910.

The new series of illustrated sketches on "The Holy Land"—to obtain material for which Mr. Robert Hichens and Mr. Jules Guerin made a special trip to Palestine—will run through eight months of the new volume of The Century. The text and pictures begin with Baalbec and Damascus and end with Jerusalem in Holy Week; and the illustrations include twenty pictures of Syria and Palestine made by Jules Guerin during his stay in those countries and a series of photographs reserved for readers of The Century.

The chapters of Madame Modjeska's Memoirs in the January Century will tell the dramatic story of this great actress's triumphant rise to the heights of her profession and of the caresses leading up to her sudden abandonment of her art to establish with her husband and the Polish novelist Blaskiewicz and others of her countrymen a farm colony in California.

FEMININE NEWS NOTES.

Women agents found appalling filth, wretchedness and immorality in trans-Atlantic steerages.

Jewels belonging to the late Mrs. Ruiz, the suicide, were sold by auction in London for \$35,000.

Baron von Sievers waived all rights in the estate of Mrs. Carl H. Schultz before he married her in New York City.

Waterloo Court, a new apartment house for women only, opened in London, England, and it was filled within a week.

Mrs. John Wright Hunt arrived home and refused to discuss the trouble between her and her husband, the "turpentine king."

In England the women are very prominent in rapier exercises, not a few of them being able to handle the sword better than many men.

Gertrude Atherton, the novelist, said she "would rather live in hell than in Chicago," and that "coming to New York was like coming to Paradise."

Claiming that School No. 125, on Wooster street, New York City, is "not fit for human beings," a committee of mothers appealed to the Board of Education.

Mrs. Helen H. Jenkins, of Chicago, withdrew her opposition to the probating of her mother's will, and the millions left by Marcellus Hartley will go to his grandson, Marcellus Hartley Dodge.

By the death of Lord Gravilla another American is added to the list of British Peeresses. Captain Charles Berensford Fulke Greville, who recently married Mrs. Kerr, of New York City, succeeds to the title.

The feather box of a woman riding in an Amsterdam avenue car, New York City, took fire from a hot-air register over which she sat and burned so swiftly as it spontaneous combustion had taken place.

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